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MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SMUGGLING 6-YEAR OLD BOY

TUCSON – Ivonne Ilian Pena-Flores, 19, a citizen of Mexico and resident of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced on April 12 to 15 months incarceration, by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata. Pena-Flores had pleaded guilty on January 9 to Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens for Profit.

Pena-Flores admitted the following facts when she pleaded guilty:

On October 13, 2006, I applied for admission into the United States via the pedestrian lane at the Nogales Port of Entry, in the District of Arizona. I was accompanying a 6-year old minor male, B. A. P.-L. I told the Inspector that the boy was my nephew and presented a laser visa belonging to another boy. After Miranda, I admitted I did not know the boy, and that an unknown woman in a park in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico hired me to cross the boy into the United States from Mexico. The woman gave me the visa, and told me the boy already knew the information on the card. I knew the visa did not belong to the boy. I admitted that I was to be paid \$100 to bring the boy into the United States and leave him alone in a park in Nogales, Arizona. I knew the boy was present in the United States illegally.

The investigation in this case was conducted by United States Customs and Border Protection, Nogales, Arizona. The prosecution was handled by Mary Sue Feldmeier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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